

TO: Members of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

FROM: Howard Blin, Community Engagement Manager

DATE: September 19, 2012

SUBJECT: **September 25th NCEC Meeting**

Meeting Location

The meeting will be held at The Woman's Club of Minneapolis in the lower level ballroom. The Woman's Club is located at 410 Oak Grove Street in the Loring Park Neighborhood. Parking is available in the Woman's Club parking lot.

Agenda

Agenda Item 4 – Blueprint for Equity

We will continue the discussion which began at the special meeting on August 28th on developing the Blueprint for Equity. Repa Mekha of Nexus Community Partners and Lissa Brown will be present to assist with the discussion.

Agenda Item 5 – Establish Grievance Committee

The Community Participation Program establishes a process for grievances against neighborhood organizations. This process calls for the grievance to first be brought to the subject neighborhood organization for consideration. The decision of the neighborhood may then be appealed to the Director of the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department. The decision of the director may then be appealed to the NCEC which establishes a Grievance Committee to review the grievance and report to the full Commission. The decision of the Grievance Committee is the final step in the administrative review of the grievance.

In 2012 two grievances have been appealed to the NCEC. In each case the Commission formed a three member committee to review that particular grievance. These committees were formed only to review a single grievance and included different members on each committee. The committee which reported to the full Commission in August recommended establishment of a standing committee where the Commission members would gain experience in reviewing grievances.

It is recommended that the NCEC establish a three member standing Grievance Committee with Commission members selected for the committee at the September

meeting serving until the organizational meeting of the Commission in July 2013. From that point on Committee members would be selected at the July organizational meeting to serve one year terms.

Agenda Item 6 – Task Force Reports

Attached are the charges for the three existing task forces. These are provided to update Commission members on the purpose of each of the task forces. Members of the task forces will also provide brief updates on the work of each group.

Agenda Item 7 – Status of Organizational Development Effort

Earlier this year the Commission initiated an effort to improve its effectiveness. An update on that process will be provided at the September 25th meeting.

On August 20th the Committee met to review an appeal of a decision made by the NCR Director on a grievance brought against the Jordan Area Community Council by Peter Rickmyer. The Committee will present its findings at the meeting. No action is necessary on this report from the full Commission other than to receive the report.